

and the larboard boat struck a small calf. A cow whale, probably the mother of the calf came up alongside of him and got the bit of the line in his mouth and started off with it. The mate hauled up and cut from the calf after the waist boat had fastened to him. He then hauled up to the whale that was running away with the line in his mouth. Just out of darting distance the line came out his mouth and they did not get fast. The starboard boat afterwards went alongside of a 30 lb. whale when the boatster missed him with both irons. We saw no more of them. We got the calf alongside about half past three. Got up tackles and cut him in before sunset. Got boats crew watches. Boat island off weather beam.

March 10th. - Strong breeze. Bugged. Sail on the lee quarter. Close-reefed main topsail and furled fore topsail. Wore ship, heading S. by E. Trying out.

Symptoms of a gale. Wind hauled to the N. & E. 4 P. M. finished trying out. Turned up 13 lb. Wind increased to a gale. Washed off the decks and set main staysail. Boat is - land off weather bow.

Mar. 11th. - Gale increased. Wind hauled to E. & S. Blowing very hard. 6 A. M. furled main topsail. It split while we were clearing it up. 1 P. M. parted fore topmast staysail tack. Hauled the sail down and furled it. Tremendous sea running. Kept the pumps going all night.

Mar. 12th. - Moderated. Set fore topmast staysail. Bent new main topsail and set it close-reefed. Broke out a

cash of bread from the fore hold. Wind hauled to the N. & E. and by appearance the gale is not yet over. This is the heaviest gale we have seen on New Zealand. Bent the flying jib. 4 P. M. net hold. Blowed and rained very heavy through the night.

Mar. 13th. - Furled the main topsail just before daybreak. Moderated a little at sunrise. Sunset - blowing fresh from the northward. Heavy sea on. Broke out cash of bread.

Mar. 14th. - Moderated. Wind S. W. Set close-reefed main topsail and foresail, and kept off S. Bent new gaff topsail and cut up the old one. Sunset, hauled on the wind, heading N. W. Lat. 36. 48 S, Long. 179. 36 W.

Mar. 15th. - Light breeze, fine weather. A barge in sight off the lee quarter. A ship off weather beam. Made all sail and kept off N. N. E. 9 o'clock braced round to N. E. Put down oil between decks. Fitted new boat. 2 P. M. spoke the ship Christ, of N. B., Capt. Vincent, 21 men, out, 1400 sperm. Examined with her till 10 at night. Got some boat boards, a steering oar, and 800 lbs. of potatoes.

Mar. 16th. - Light breeze, fine weather. Main topgallant sail cut. Three ships in sight. One 4 pts on the bow, 4 pts on weather bow and 3 pts on lee quarter. Tacked. Wind S. & E. Hauling old topsail. Boat island in sight to windward. Broke out bags.

Mar. 17th. - Fresh breeze, fine weather. Reefed topsails out.